

Resources for Children with Developmental Disabilities in the DFPS System

Home and Community Based Services (HCS) Medicaid waivers

1. What is HCS

Services and supports to help people with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD) live in the community or with a family who has experience with children with disabilities.

- Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority (LIDDA) provides service coordination.
- HHSC contracts with and monitors HCS providers.
- HCS providers contract with experienced families to provide HCS Host Home services.

2. Who is Eligible

- Foster children with IDD Aging Out of Care.
- Children with IDD living in a DFPS General Residential Operation (GRO).
- Children with IDD who are in crisis and at risk of coming into DFPS care.

3. Who Do I Contact

- Developmental Disability Specialist for Aging Out of Care and GRO.
- Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority (LIDDA) for children in crisis.
<https://apps.hhs.texas.gov/contact/search.cfm>

Community First Choice

1. What is Community First Choice

Community First Choice is a Medicaid benefit that offers personal assistance services and habilitation in the home for children and adults with disabilities. Personal Assistance Services help with activities like eating, toileting, grooming, dressing, bathing. Habilitation helps people learn, maintain, and enhance skills related to independent living in the community.

2. Who is Eligible

- Children in the DFPS system who live in foster families
- Children at risk of entering care who are living in their own families.

3. Who Do I Contact - CPS worker or Developmental Disability Specialist should contact

- **Superior STAR Health Managed Care Organization** - 1-866-912-6283
www.SuperiorHealthPlan.com
- **LIDDA** - <https://apps.hhs.texas.gov/contact/search.cfm>

Child Specific Contract

A Child Specific Contract may be authorized by DFPS or ordered by a Judge to provide HCS like services for a child. DFPS contracts with a qualified HCS provider to provide services. Used when child is at risk of going into an institutional setting and when DFPS cannot get immediate access to an HCS waiver.

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